

(c) whether a report regarding drawing of salary by the teachers who remained absent in Jharkhand, Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal has been received by Government;

(d) the number of dropouts before reaching class V and those before class X; and

(e) the percentage of dropout boys and girls separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Government of India is aware of a study by the World Bank and Harvard University covering 3700 schools in 20 States conducted in 2004 and its findings which reported that 25% of the teachers in Government primary schools are absent on a typical day. The study also showed teacher absence rates in Jharkhand (41.9%), Bihar (37.8%), Uttar Pradesh (26.3%) and Uttaranchal (32.8%).

31.47% children (33.74% boys & 28.57% girls) drop out before reaching class V and 62.69% children (60.98% boys & 64.92% girls) drop out before class X.

Irregularities in Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya

†412. **SHRI DATTA MEGHE:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities have been found in the working of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring this Vishwavidyalaya at international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESHWARI): (a) to (c) In regard to allegations of certain irregularities received, the Central Government, with the approval of the Visitor, appointed a Fact Finding Committee to

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review the work and progress of the University since its inception. The Fact Finding Committee has since submitted its report. In order to finalise at time-bound action plan to give effect to the recommendations made by the Committee, discussions have been held with the officers of the University Grants Commission and the University on 27th and 28th October, 2006.

Misuse of funds under SSA and Mid-day meal scheme

†413. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated by Government to the State under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day meal is being misused at a large scale;

(b) if so, whether Government would take any step to check the misuse of the amount allocated under the said schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) In the light of the report on the Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in August 2006, and the examination of the points raised therein, by the Government of India and State/UT SSA programmes, an amount of about Rs. 53 crores can be classified as expenditure not covered under the SSA guidelines. Under mid-day meal scheme, no misuse of funds has been reported.

(b) and (c) The States/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 social science institutions.

Colleges under UGC purview

414. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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